

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Response to Amendment

On August 24, 2005, the Applicants filed an amendment including the limitation of providing the user with repeatable access to a bookmark for claims 1, 10, 17, 22 and 23. The term “repeatable” was erroneously removed from a copy of the claims subsequently submitted on November 30, 2005. Accordingly, the Applicants thank the Examiner for his diligence and efforts to expedite the prosecution of the application by recognizing the error and proceeding with the examination. The repeatable limitation is included in claims 1, 10, 17, 22 and 23 with this response.

Claim Objections

Claim 3 stands objected to because in line 3 “accessing” should be -access-. This claim is amended per the Examiner’s suggestion.

Claim 25 stands objected to because “said pointer” lacks antecedent bases. Claim 25 is dependent on independent claim 23. Claim 23 is amended to include “a pointer” and thus resolves the antecedent basis issue.

Claim 27 stands objected to because “the modified representation” lacks antecedent basis. Claim 27 is amended per the Examiner’s suggestion to be dependent from claim 26 to resolve the antecedent basis issue.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 10-18, 22, and 23 (with claims 1, 10, 17, 22, and 23 including the “repeatable” limitation) stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,985,865 (Packingham). Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable over Packingham

Regarding independent claim 1, Packingham does not teach, disclose or suggest a method for providing a bookmark to a voice application including saving a representation of vocal input by the user. Packingham discusses a voice application that includes a set of one or more

bookmarks that function as user-specific shortcuts to navigation points, such as URIs or menu items (Col. 14 lines 56-58). Packingham does not disclose saving a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application (2/7/06 Office Action Response, page 18, lines 6-7). In contrast, claim 1 recites a method for providing a bookmark in a voice application including creating, upon a user request, a bookmark to a location in the voice application in accordance with vocal input provided to the voice application, wherein the creating includes saving a pointer to the voice application, and saving a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application. Thus, independent claim 1 is patentable over Packingham.

Regarding independent claim 10, as indicated above, Packingham does not teach, disclose or suggest a bookmark including a representation of vocal input by a user. Claim 10, however, recites an apparatus for providing a user access to a voice application through a computer network, including a server coupled to the computer network, wherein the server has a processor that is programmed to create, upon a user request, a bookmark to a location in the voice application in accordance with vocal input provided to the voice application, wherein the bookmark includes a pointer to the voice application, and a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application. Thus, independent claim 10 and claims 11-16 that depend directly from claim 10, are patentable over Packingham.

Regarding independent claim 17, as indicated above, Packingham does not teach, disclose or suggest means for saving a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application. Claim 17, however, recites an apparatus for providing a user access to a voice application through a computer network including a server coupled to the computer network, the server including a processor and associated memory, wherein the processor includes means for creating, upon a user request, a bookmark to a location in the voice application in accordance with vocal input provided to the voice application, wherein the means for creating includes means for saving a pointer to the voice application, and means for saving a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application. Thus independent claim 17, and claim 18 that depends directly from claim 17, are patentable over Packingham.

Regarding independent claim 22, as discussed above, Packingham does not teach, disclose or suggest a system including a processor programmed to create a bookmark including a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application. Claim 22, however, recites a system for providing a user access to a voice application through a computer network including a voice portal server coupled to the computer network, the server including a processor, wherein the processor is programmed to create, upon a user request, a bookmark to a location in the voice application in accordance with vocal input provided to the voice application, wherein the bookmark includes a pointer to the voice application, and a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application. Thus, claim 22 is patentable over Packingham.

Regarding independent claim 23, as discussed above, Packingham does not teach, disclose or suggest an article of manufacture including means for causing a computer system to save a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application. Claim 23, however, recites an article of manufacture including computer readable program code means for causing the computer system to create, upon a user request, a bookmark to a location in the voice application in accordance with vocal input provided to the voice application, wherein the means for causing the computer system to create a bookmark includes means for causing the computer system to save a pointer to the voice application, and means for causing the computer system to save a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application. Thus claim 23 is patentable over Packingham.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103

Claims 2-8 and 24-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Packingham in view of U.S. Patent 6,535,912 (Anupam). The limitations of claims 2 and 24 are included in amended claims 1 and 23 respectively, and claims 2 and 24 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1, 3-8, 23, and 25-27 are patentable over Packingham and Anupam.

Regarding independent claim 1, neither Packingham nor Anupam alone or in combination teach, disclose or suggest a saving a representation of vocal input by a user up to a bookmarked location in the voice application. Packingham discusses a voice application that

includes a set of one or more bookmarks that function as user-specific shortcuts to navigation points, such as URIs or menu items (Col. 14 lines 56-58). Packingham does not disclose saving a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application (2/7/06 Office Action Response, page 18, lines 6-7). Anupam discusses a smart bookmark including a stored sequence of browsing steps performed by the user which can be played and replayed later when the smart bookmark is accessed (Abstract). The smart bookmark recording process is started by loading an HTML page which includes an embedded Java recorder-player applet (Col. 5 lines 25-30). The Java applet utilizes the Document Object Model (DOM) API supported by a browser to store information about the elements on the bookmarked HTML page such as an element's name, location, type and one or more values associated with the element (Col. 5 line 65 - Col. 6 line 2). Hence, the bookmark saved in Anupam is directly dependent on the DOM API supported by the browser. Apunam, however, is silent regarding the technical differences between HTML documents and voice documents. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that Anupam does not teach, disclose or suggest saving a representation of vocal input by the user because Anupam does not disclose an API which is capable of saving the discussed element information in a voice browser. Further, to the extent Apunam discusses vocal applications, it is limited to only the display and/or presentation of audible information, and does not discuss saving vocal input from the user (Col. 13 lines 21-29, cited by the Examiner). In contrast, claim 1 recites a method for providing a bookmark in a voice application including creating, upon a user request, a bookmark to a location in the voice application in accordance with vocal input provided to the voice application, wherein the creating includes saving a pointer to the voice application, and saving a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application. Thus independent claim 1, and claims 3-8 that depended directly or indirectly from claim 1, are patentable over Packingham in view of Anupam.

Regarding independent claim 23, neither Packingham nor Anupam teach, disclose or suggest saving a representation of vocal input by a user to a voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application. As indicated by the Examiner, Packingham does not disclose saving a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application (2/7/06 Office Action Response, page 18, lines 6-7). As discussed above, Applicants respectfully assert that Anupam does not teach, disclose or

suggest saving a representation of vocal input by the user because Anupam does not disclose an API which is capable of saving the discussed element information in a voice browser. In contrast, claim 23 recites an article of manufacture including computer readable program code means for causing a computer system to create a bookmark, including means for causing the computer system to save a pointer to the voice application, and means for causing the computer system to save a representation of vocal input by the user to the voice application up to the bookmarked location in the voice application. Thus independent claim 23, and claims 25-27 that depend directly from claim 23, are patentable over Packingham and Anupam.

Claims 9 and 28-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Packingham, in view of Anupam, and in further view of Applicant's admitted prior art. Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable over Packingham, Anupam, and the admitted prior art.

Regarding dependent claim 9, Applicants respectfully assert that this claim is patentable over Packingham, Anupam and the admitted prior art. The Examiner does not assert that the admitted prior art makes up for the deficiencies of Packingham and Anupam noted above with respect to claim 1. Thus, claim 9 that directly depends from claim 1 is patentable over Packingham, Anupam, and the admitted prior art.

Regarding independent claims 29 and 31, Packingham, Anupam, and the admitted prior art alone or in combination do not teach, disclose or suggest saving a representation of vocal input by a user of a voice application up to the bookmarked location. As noted above with the respect to the other independent claims, neither Packingham nor Anupam disclose saving vocal input. The admitted prior art discloses using a checksum for detecting when stored information had changed and thus does not make up for the deficiencies of Packingham and Anupam. Thus, independent claims 29 and 31, and claims 30 and 32 that depend directly from claims 29 and 31 respectfully, are patentable over Packingham, Anupam, and the admitted prior art.

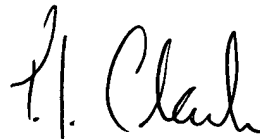
Regarding independent claims 33 and 35, Packingham, Anupam, and the admitted prior art alone or in combination do not teach, disclose or suggest saving a modified representation of that includes substantially all results of the vocal inputs up to the bookmarked location. As noted above with the respect to the other independent claims, neither Packingham nor Anupam disclose saving vocal input. The admitted prior art discloses using a checksum for detecting when stored

information had changed and thus does not make of for the deficiencies of Packingham an Anupam. Thus, independent claims 33 and 35, and claims 34 and 36 that depend directly from claims 33 and 35 respectfully, are patentable over Packingham, Anupam, and the admitted prior art.

Claims 19-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Packingham in view of Official Notice. Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable over Packingham in view of Official Notice. The Examiner does not assert that the Official Notice makes up for the deficiencies of Packingham noted above with respect to independent claim 17. Thus, claims 19-21 the indirectly depend from claim 17 are patentable over Packingham in view of Official Notice.

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' Attorney at the number provided below with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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